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SUBJECT: NATO DEFENSE REVIEW 1977
1. NATIONAL REPLIES TO DPQ(77) ARE DUE JULY 31, AND SOME
ARE BEGINNING TO ARRIVE AT NATO HEADQUARTERS. WE WILL BE
CABLING OUR CUSTOMARY ANALYSES OF THE DPQ REPLIES AND
SUGGESTING US POSITIONS FOR THE FALL 1977 MULTILATERAL
REVIEWS. WE INTEND TO CABLE THESE ANALYSES EARLY ENOUGH
TO PERMIT US MISSIONS IN NATO CAPITALS TO BECOME MORE
ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN PREPARING US POSITIONS FOR THE MULTI-
LATERAL REVIEWS AND TO DRAW FULLY ON WASHINGTON RESOURCES
FOR EVALUATING FORCE AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
ALLIANCE. WE HOPE, THROUGH THE REVIEW PROCESS, TO GIVE
THOSE MIDDLE-LEVEL MOD REPRESENTATIVES WHO COME TO BRUSSELS
AN APPRECIATION OF THE IMPORTANCE THE US ATTACHES TO IN-
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CREASED REAL DEFENSE SPENDING, COOPERATIVE DEFENSE EFFORTS,
AND THE SHORT- AND LONG-TERM INITIATIVES.

2. IN REVIEWING THE FORCE PLANS OF OUR ALLIES THROUGH 1982,
WE PROPOSE TO FOCUS ON:

. (A) THE SHORT-TERM INITIATIVES, USING THE DPQ RESPONSE

AND, WHEN AVAILABLE, THE RESPONSES ON SHORT-TERM MEASURES
DUE TO NATO FROM NATIONAL AUTHORITIES BY SEPTEMBER 16;

. (B) THE BROAD PROGRAM AREAS COVERED BY THE LONG-TERM
INITIATIVES;

. (C) COOPERATIVE DEFENSE EFFORTS;

. (D) COUNTRY FINANCIAL PLANS, WITH CONTINUED STRESS
ON REAL INCREASES IN DEFENSE SPENDING, AIMING AT A 3 PCT
ANNUAL REAL INCREASE, USING AS OUR POINT OF DEPARTURE THE
1977 MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE (DPC/D(77)6(FINAL)).

3. FOR OUR PART, WE WOULD FIND IT HELPFUL IF EMBASSIES IN
NATO CAPITALS COULD PROVIDE:

. (1) COMMENT ON THEIR COUNTRY'S DPQ REPLY;

. (2) SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ON NATIONAL FORCE PLANS;

. (3) COMMENT ON USNATO'S ANALYSES;

. (4) SUGGESTIONS FOR SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED IN THE
MULTILATERAL REVIEWS. BENNETT

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